Their reports received in year 2005 reported that there were diversions/leakages of foodgrains, inclusion and exclusion errors in identifying targeted beneficiaries and operations of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) were not financially viable.

Therefore, to strengthen the TPDS, including curbing of leakages and diversion, though no new scheme has been introduced by the Government, a nine-point action plan was formulated in 2006. This is being implemented by States/UT Governments. Its implementation is being monitored by the Central Government. Required action is being taken by the State Government and UT Administration against those found indulging in malpractices.

Additionally, a revised Citizens' Charter has been issued recently for adoption and implementation by State/UT Governments for facilitating use by citizens of provisions of Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in relation to functioning of TPDS.

Coverage under Crop Insurance Scheme

*93. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of coverage at present in terms of States as well as population under Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) what has been the number of beneficiaries and amount of benefit given in the last one year, alongwith the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the coverage of the scheme to more States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The details of coverage of States, farmers claims, amount paid and farmers benefited during 2005-06 under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The NAIS is open to all States and Union Territories for coverage. At present 23 States and 2 Union Territories are implementing the scheme. The Government of India and the Implementing Agency *i.e.* Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC), from time to time, keep on persuading the non-implementing States/UTs for participation in the scheme.

Statement

State-wise coverage of farmers, claims paid and farmers benefited under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (2005-06)

Sl. No.	State	Farmers Covered	Total Claims (Rs. Lakhs)	Farmers Benefited
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2247535	49692.97	672044
2.	Assam	22535	131.69	4737
3.	Bihar	409946	15392.55	228887

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Chhattisgarh	665750	12.21	2184
5.	Goa	565	0	0
6.	Gujarat	891075	813.04	14715
7.	Haryana	121400	1594.13	32007
8.	Himachal Pradesh	9499	104.42	4705
9.	Jharkhand	828472	10738.45	617226
10.	Karnataka	970767	4536.59	130789
11.	Kerala	31776	149.32	10477
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2176304	2000.88	128239
13.	Maharashtra	2555440	3232.73	259898
14.	Meghalaya	1969	0	0
15.	Orissa	1130061	594.62	26391
16.	Rajasthan	2336993	30057.03	776142
17.	Sikkim	237	0	0
18.	Tamil Nadu	119967	4827.34	49656
19.	Tripura	2651	36.16	1621
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1277156	7926.66	389820
21.	Uttrakhand	15575	235.52	7062
22.	West Bengal	897391	7713.45	277425
23.	A & N Islands	208	0	0
24.	Pondicherry	4831	7.93	780
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	4501	8.56	863
	TOTAL:	16722604	139806.25	3635668

Malaria and Chikungunya

*94. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether malaria and chikungunya have taken a heavy toll of life in certain States of the country this year;

(b) if so, the details of the cases reported and the death toll this year in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to control these diseases in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Malaria is endemic in all the States/UTs of the country except Lakshadweep. However, the mortality has been reported from 13 States. Number of